



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

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November 12, 2004

Christopher J. Ward, Treasurer  
National Republican Congressional Committee  
320 First Street  
Washington, DC 20003

**Response Due Date:**  
**December 13, 2004**

Identification Number: C00075820

Reference: September Monthly Report (8/01/04-8/31/04)

Dear Mr. Ward:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses one or more contributions to a candidate(s) for the primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (see attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign.

If any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If the contribution(s) in question should have been designated for debt retirement, you should amend your report to indicate "debt retirement," along with the year of election.

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a refund or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund.

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Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule E discloses independent expenditures on behalf of federal candidates. Schedule B of this report discloses in-kind contributions on behalf of some of these same candidates. Under 2 U.S.C. §431(17), an "independent expenditure" is defined as:

... an expenditure by a person expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate; and that is not made in concert or cooperation with or at the request or suggestion of such candidate, the candidate's authorized committee, or their agents, or a political party committee or its agents.

The coordination involved in making an in-kind contribution to a candidate may preclude your committee from making an independent expenditure in support of the same candidate. Please amend your reports to disclose the aforementioned transactions as in-kind contributions (Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page), or provide additional clarifying information concerning the independent expenditures made in support of Max Burns and Rob Simmons.

If the reclassification of these expenditures as in-kind contributions results in excessive contributions, the Commission recommends that you notify the recipient(s) and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$5,000 per election. Please inform the Commission immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your refund request(s) sent to the recipient(s). In addition, any refund should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of your next report.

-2 U.S.C. §434(b)(6)(B)(iii) requires that the supporting schedule for disclosing independent expenditures be signed by the treasurer. This is to attest to the fact that the expenditures were not made in cooperation,

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consultation, or concert, with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or any authorized committee or agent of such committee. Please amend your Schedule E accordingly.

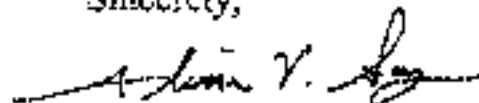
-The independent expenditure schedule (Schedule E) should disclose the following information: the name and mailing address of the payee, the purpose of the expenditure, the date of payment, the amount of payment, the name and office sought, state and district (if applicable) of the federal candidate, the calendar year-to-date, per election, for office sought total, the election designation, an indication of whether the candidate was supported or opposed and the signature of the treasurer. Please amend Schedule E by providing the election designation. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(vii)

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "Phone Banks", "Postage" and "Printing" on Schedule(s) B. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

**Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1153.

Sincerely,



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Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Election State - Date
KOBACH FOR CONGRESS	8/16/04	\$5,000	P2004	KS - 08/03/04
WALCHER FOR CONGRESS	8/16/04	\$5,000	P2004	CO - 08/10/04
FITZPATRICK FOR CONGRESS	8/2/04	\$5,000	P2004	PA - 04/27/04

